

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA REPORT

SUBJECT: Funding Requests by Calexico Neighborhood House for Casa Villanueva

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2008

PREPARED BY: Rosalind Guerrero, RDA Director



APPROVED FOR AGENDA BY: Ralph Velez, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt Resolution Finding the Subsidy Assistance to Homeless Shelter Services will benefit the Redevelopment Project Area;
2. Approve \$60,000 from housing set-a-side funds to fund Casa Villanueva Shelter for Women and Children



FISCAL IMPACT: \$60,000 20% Housing Set-A-Side funding

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Casa Villanueva provides emergency shelter to homeless women and children in Imperial Valley.

The shelter is operated by Neighborhood House and is located in the City of Calexico. Neighborhood House on an annual basis applies for state and federal funding to augment the annual budget costs of the shelter. The budget for the shelter for the FY 2008-09 is estimated to be \$88,00.00. For this fiscal year, Neighborhood House was not successful in receiving funding from either the state or federal agencies, leaving a gap of \$60,000.00 in the amount of revenue needed for the fiscal year.

Neighborhood House is requesting the Agency's assistance from the Redevelopment Agency's 20% Housing Set-A-Side funding to help the women's and children shelter to stay open and continue the services provided to displaced clients. The request is for \$60,000.00. RDA provided funding to the shelter for FY 2006-07 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

As the shelter is located outside the RDA project area, a resolution approving the funding must be adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE SUBSIDY ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS SHELTER SERVICES FROM THE AGENCY'S 20% HOUSING SET A SIDE WILL BENEFIT THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

WHEREAS, Casa Villanueva provides shelter to homeless women and children in Imperial Valley;

WHEREAS, the homeless shelter is located in Calexico; and

WHEREAS, section 33334.2 of the Health and Safety Code allows for the expenditure of low and moderate income housing set aside funds to improve the supply of low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Charities homeless shelter is not located in the redevelopment project area; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Charities homeless shelter is located in close proximity to the Central Business District project area;

WHEREAS, section 33334.2(g) of the Health and Safety Code allows for the expenditure of low and moderate income housing set aside funds to be spent outside the project area if the use of the funds will benefit the project area; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Calexico does hereby find that the use of housing fund monies as a subsidy for homeless shelter services will improve the quality of housing for very low income persons and will benefit the project area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Calexico, California, this 18th day of November, 2008.

Louis Fuentes, Chairman

Attest:

Ralph Velez, Secretary

Approved as to Form:

Jennifer Lyon, City Attorney

State of California)
County of Imperial)ss
City of Calexico)

I, Ralph Velez, Secretary for the Calexico Redevelopment Agency of the City of Calexico do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 08-XX was adopted by the Calexico Redevelopment Agency Board at a regular meeting on the 18th day of November 2008 by the following vote to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Ralph Velez, Secretary



Neighborhood House of Calxico, Inc.

"To Serve and Advocate"

November 12, 2008

Louis Fuentes
Mayor
City of Calxico
608 Heber Avenue
Calxico, CA 92231

REF: Request for Funds for Casa Villanueva Shelter for Women and Children

Dear Mayor Fuentes:

Neighborhood House of Calxico hereby requests funds to continue to provide housing to homeless women and children in our community at Casa Villanueva.

During the period of January 1 to December 31, 2007 and during the present period of January 1, 2008 to September 2008 the following number of women and children were provided shelter:

	Jan to Dec 2007 (12 mos)	Jan. to Sept. 2008 (9 mos)
Women	44	35
Children	106	70
Total	150	105
Shelter Nights Provided	6,638	5,289

These women are low-income and homeless and in many instances fleeing a domestic violence situation. Casa Villanueva is the only location in our community where homeless women and children may obtain shelter. We receive referrals from the Calxico Police Department as well as from other agencies.

In addition to shelter, Casa Villanueva provides case management to the women to help them obtain permanent housing, employment, job training, drug and alcohol counseling, transportation, and participate in workshops relating to budgeting and parenting skills.


I have attached a copy of our Annual Report that details the services provided by Neighborhood House to the community. Also included is a listing of our Board of Directors. Casa Villanueva is a project of Neighborhood House. Neighborhood House is governed by a board of directors comprised of twelve local volunteers that meets the third Thursday of each month.

Request for Funds:

Neighborhood House of Calexico requests \$60,000 to continue to provide housing to homeless women and children.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance in providing these vital services to a most needy and vulnerable segment of our community.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Ortega". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Ricardo Ortega
Director

P.S. Neighborhood House was able to secure a Capital Development Deferred Loan from the State of California Housing and Community Development to demolish and construct a new Casa Villanueva. Please see the attached fact sheet relating to this planned development.

Neighborhood House of Calexico Casa Villanueva and Transitional Housing Budget Report

	<u>Jul '07 - Jun 08</u>	<u>Jul 08-Jun 09</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Emergency Food & Shelter Grant	15657	13000
Donations	23456	10000
Fund Raising Events	6412	5000
City Redevelopment	0	60000
Total Income	<u>45525</u>	<u>88000</u>
<u>Expense</u>		
Direct Salaries	14560	37440
Administration	3249	4558
Savings Plan	310	600
Taxes and Fringe Benefits	4599	7488
Food	419	5984
Liability Insurance	80	100
Equipment Lease/Rent	12	100
Rent Space	208	300
Health Insurance	3600	4800
Travel & Conference	355	300
Work-Study	321	500
Program Supplies	2165	2100
Repair & Maintenance	2038	4000
Telephone and Communications	1600	1600
Utilities	13447	18000
Audit	91	100
Fees & Licenses	30	30
Total Expense	<u>47083</u>	<u>88000</u>
	<u>-1558</u>	<u>0</u>

Note:

City Contribution will assist in making the short fall in donations as well as provide full time case worker as well as purchase additional food goods.



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Construction of the "New" Casa Villanueva" Calexico, CA (November 12, 2008)

Neighborhood House of Calexico submitted an application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in February 2008 to request a deferred capital loan to demolition and construction a new shelter.

The Department of Housing and Community Development approved the deferred loan on July 15, 2008. The loan will be collateralized by the appraisal value of the facility "after construction".

Neighborhood House is presently waiting for the HCD contract to begin preparing the architectural drawing, appraisal, and submission of drawing to the City of Calexico Planning Department.

It appears that the State HCD loan will provide only 80% of the total construction cost and the remaining 20% of cost to be obtained from other revenue sources. Once the state contract is executed, Neighborhood House will contract with Javier Diaz, Architect, to prepare the facility drawing, as well as, to contract with an appraiser to obtain the projects' value.

Neighborhood House will need to organize a Capital Fund Development Campaign to raise between \$150,000 and \$250,000 during the first ten months in 2009 to pay for the total construction cost. The actual amount contingent on the difference between the appraised projects' value vs. construction cost.

Please call Ricardo Ortega at 760-455-0520 for any additional information you may need.



Homeless Drop- in Center

Thanks to community donations, Neighborhood House of Calexico currently operates a Homeless Drop - in Center, which provides homeless individuals with mid-day meals at Rockwood Plaza Park.

Women and Children Housing Services

Transitional Housing

Neighborhood House (NH) Transitional Housing is a safe place for homeless women & children. Women and children may stay for an extended period in NH Transitional Housing while participating in a comprehensive program. The Program includes counseling, support group, case management, assistance with food and clothing and referrals and advocacy with community services. Admission is based on the availability of space and a detailed interview by NH staff. Rules for acceptance and participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or disability



Casa Villanueva Shelter

Casa Villanueva is a shelter for homeless women and children. By providing clients with room, food, clothing and intensive case management, Casa Villanueva strives to give homeless women and children the opportunity to become self sufficient and contributing members of our community.

The program has been designed to support each resident's unique needs. Residents are assisted in a home-like environment with their ultimate goals of securing permanent housing, becoming self sufficient and increasing their self esteem.

The funds to support Casa Villanueva Shelter come from community donations, the United Methodist Women and the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

